

Journal
OF THE
PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
14th Annual Convention
OF THE
PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH
IN THE
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,

HOLDEN IN
ST. JAMES'S CHURCH, WILMINGTON,

*On Thursday May 20th, Friday May 21st, Saturday May 22d, and
Monday May 24th,*

1830.

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LIST OF ATTENDING MEMBERS.

CLERGY.

- The Rev. JOHN AVERY, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Edenton, and President of the Convention.
The Rev. W. D. CAIRNS, Rector of St. James's Church, Wilmington.
The Rev. W. M. GREEN, Rector of St. Matthew's Church, Hillsborough.
The Rev. G. W. FREEMAN, Rector of Christ's Church, Raleigh.
The Rev. JOHN R. GOODMAN, Rector of Christ's Church, Newbern.
The Rev. THOMAS WRIGHT, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Salisbury.
The Rev. PHILIP B. WILEY, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Washington.
The Rev. Wm. G. H. JONES, Rector of St. John's Church, Fayetteville.
The Rev. JOHN H. NORMENT.
The Rev. ROBERT J. MILLER, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Burke County, and the Rev. JARVIS B. BUXTON, Rector of Christ's Church, Elizabeth City, Clerical Members of this Convention, were absent.

LAY DELEGATES.

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| <i>John R. London,</i> | } | St. James's Church, Wilmington. |
| <i>Wm. C. Lord,</i> | | |
| <i>Thos. F. Davis,</i> | | |
| <i>Dr. A. J. De Rossett,</i> | | |
| <i>John W. Wright,</i> | } | St. John's Church, Fayetteville. |
| <i>Charles P. Mallett,</i> | | |
| <i>Edward Lee Winslow,</i> | | |
| <i>Gavin Hogg,</i> | } | Christ's Church, Raleigh. |
| <i>W. H. Haywood, Jr.</i> | | |
| <i>Walker Anderson,</i> | } | St. Matthew's Church, Hillsborough. |
| <i>Geo. W. B. Burgwyn,</i> | | |
| <i>Wm. E. Anderson,</i> | | |
| <i>Thos. D. Parke, M. D.,</i> | | |
| <i>Calvary Church, Wadesborough.</i> | | |



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WILMINGTON, *May 20th*, 1830.

This being the day and place for the meeting of the Convention, the Members thereof assembled in St. James's Church, for the purpose of organizing.

The Rev. John Avery was called to the Chair; and opened the Convention with prayer.

E. L. Winslow, acting as Secretary, called over the list of Clergymen, of whom the following appeared as present: Rev. John Avery, Rev. W. D. Cairns, Rev. John R. Goodman, Rev. Wm. G. H. Jones, Rev. Thomas Wright, Rev. Philip B. Wiley.

The Rev. Geo. W. Freeman, and the Rev. William M. Green, both being prevented from appearing by sickness.

The certificates of Lay Delegation were called for, and referred to a Committee consisting of Rev. Messrs. Wiley and Jones, of the Clergy, and Charles P. Mallett, Esq. of the Laity, who report the following Delegates elected, and the following Churches represented.

St. James's Church, Wilmington,	{ John R. London, Wm. C. Lord, Thos. F. Davis, A. J. De Rossett, M. D.
St. John's Church, Fayetteville,	{ Hon. Robert Strange, John W. Wright, Charles P. Mallett, E. L. Winslow.
Christ's Church, Raleigh,	{ Gavin Hogg, W. H. Haywood, Jr.
St. Matthew's Church, Hillsboro',	{ Geo. W. B. Burgwyn, Walker Anderson, Alexander Kirkland,
St. Mary's Chapel, Orange,	{ Duncan Cameron, Wm. E. Anderson, Paul C. Cameron.
Calvary Church, Wadesborough,	{ Dr. Thomas D. Parke, Moses Jarvis,
Christ's Church, Newbern,	{ James W. Bryan, Charles G. Spaight, W. N. Hawkes.
St. Paul's Church, Edenton,	{ Joseph H. Saunders.
St. Peter's Church, Washington,	{ Eli Hoyt, Jesse B. Bryan, Dr. Wm. A. Shaw, Wm. R. Harris.
Trinity Chapel, Beaufort,	{ Bryan Grimes, Frederick Grist.

Of whom the following appeared and took their seats:

John R. London, Wm. C. Lord, Thomas F. Davis, A. J. De Rossett, John W. Wright, Charles P. Mallett, E. L. Winslow, Gavin Hogg, W. H. Haywood, Jr., George W. B. Burgwyn, Walker Anderson, W. E. Anderson, Thomas D. Parke.

The Convention thus duly organized, on motion, proceeded to the election of a President and Secretary. The Rev. John Avery was unanimously elected President, and Edward Lee Winslow Secretary.

The following Preamble and Resolutions were then introduced by Walker Anderson, Esq. and unanimously adopted:

"Since it has pleased Almighty God, in his wise providence, to remove from the scene of his earthly labours, to his reward in Heaven, our late Bishop, the Rev. JOHN S. RAVENSCROFT, and to leave us as sheep without a shepherd, under a deep sense of the loss which the Church has sustained in his death, but with humble resignation to the will of God,

"Be it resolved by this Convention, That its members recal with grateful emotions, the recollection of the devoted piety, the self-sacrificing zeal, and the parental carefulness, with which the deceased discharged towards this Diocese, the relations of spiritual guide and father.

"Be it further resolved, That under a conviction of the ability with which the deceased superintended his charge, and of the eminent services which he rendered this Diocese, we regard his loss as a sore affliction and bereavement, and derive our only consolation from the reflection that this blow has been inflicted by Him who has promised never to leave or forsake his Church.

"Be it further resolved, That a Committee consisting of ——— be appointed to address a letter of condolence to the Mother of our deceased Bishop, expressive of the affectionate remembrance with which his memory is cherished by the members of this Convention, and of the sincerity with which they sympathise with her, in the loss which she in common with the Church has sustained.

"Be it further resolved, That this Convention tender their thanks to their Brethren in Pennsylvania for the affectionate expressions of their sympathy contained in a letter laid before the Convention this day, and to their Brethren in other Diocesses who have united with us in lamenting our loss and have expressed their veneration for the character and memory of our departed Father, and that the above named Committee be instructed to communicate this resolution to the Secretary of the late meeting of the Clergy in Philadelphia."

On motion of the Rev. J. R. Goodman, *Resolved*, that the blank in the above resolutions be filled with a Committee consisting of three Clergymen and three Laymen; and the following named were appointed: Rev. Messrs. Freeman, Green, and Wright, of the Clergy; and Messrs. Walker Anderson, John W. Wright, and Gavin Hogg, of the Laity.

On motion of Wm. H. Haywood, Jr., *Resolved*, that a Committee of three be appointed to prepare Rules of Order for the Convention.

Rev. W. D. Cairns of the Clergy, and Gavin Hogg and W. H. Haywood, Jr., of the Laity, were appointed.

On motion of Rev. W. D. Cairns, *Resolved*, That a Committee consisting of three Clergymen and two Laymen be appointed on the State of the Church.

Rev. Messrs. Freeman, Goodman, and Cairns, of the Clergy, and Walker Anderson and Dr. De Rossett, of the Laity, were appointed.

On motion, *Resolved*, that a Committee of Finance, consisting of five Laymen, be appointed.

The following compose said Committee: Messrs. Hogg, Wright, Lord, London, and Parke.

On motion, the Convention adjourned to Friday, 9 o'clock A. M.

Morning Service was performed by the Rev. Mr. Goodman, and a Sermon preached by the Rev. Mr. Wiley, from the 122d Psalm, 6th verse.

At night, Divine Service was performed by the Rev. W. D. Cairns, and a Sermon by the Rev. J. R. Goodman, 18th chapter of Luke, 31st verse.

FRIDAY, MAY 21, 1830.

The Convention met, pursuant to adjournment, and was opened with prayer, by the Rev. W. D. Cairns.

The Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The Committee appointed to Report Rules of Order for the Convention, made the following report, and on motion of Walker Anderson, Esq., *Resolved*, That the Rules of Order adopted by the Convention of 1827, being those now reported by the Committee, with the following amendments, be adopted as the Standing Rules of Order by this Convention, and for all succeeding Conventions, unless otherwise directed.

1st. After the words Parochial Reports, which is the 2d order of business, insert the words "to be read in Convention."

2d. As the 3d Article, That the President of one Convention shall be considered as the President of the succeeding Convention, until the succeeding one is organized and another appointed.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. The Convention, on the day appointed for its meeting, shall always open with prayer, and organize before morning service; and the session of each subsequent day, shall likewise be opened with prayer.

2. At the opening of the Convention, as soon as the President takes the chair, the names of the Clergy shall be called over by the Secretary of the preceding Convention; or, in case of his absence, by a Secretary *pro tem.* to be appointed by the President. The Lay Delegates shall then lay their certificates of appointment on the table of the Secretary; after which, the President shall declare the Convention organized, and ready for business. A Secretary having then been chosen, the following Committees shall be appointed by the chair: A Committee of Examination, consisting of three, to examine the testimonials of the Lay Delegates,

and to report the number of Churches duly represented, together with the names of the representatives present. A committee of five, on the State of the Church, to whom shall always be referred the parochial reports; and a Finance Committee of five, to whom shall be referred all accounts.

3. The President of one Convention shall be considered as President of the succeeding Convention, until the succeeding one is organized and another appointed.

4. The subsequent general order of business in Convention shall be as follows:—1st, the Bishop's annual address; 2d, parochial reports, to be read in Convention; 3d, report of the committee of examination; 4th, report of all the standing officers of the Convention, and of the other committees, appointed the year preceding; 5th, elections; 6th, miscellaneous business; 7th, reports of committees appointed during the session of the Convention.

5. All select committees shall be appointed by the President, unless otherwise ordered.

6. When the President takes the chair, no member shall continue standing, or shall afterwards stand up, except to address the chair.

7. Every member who shall deliver his opinion, or speak in any debate, shall stand up in his place: shall with due respect address himself to the President, and confine himself strictly to the point in debate.

8. If two or more members shall rise to speak at the same time, the President shall declare which shall speak first.

9. No member shall speak more than twice on the same point, without obtaining leave from the House; nor shall any member be interrupted while speaking in order.

10. While any member is speaking, and while the President is putting any question, all shall continue in their seats, and none shall hold any private discourse.

11. No motion shall be debated, or shall be considered as before the House, unless seconded; and if required, reduced to writing, and read by the Secretary.

12. When a motion is under consideration, no other motion shall be made except to amend, to divide, to commit, or to postpone it. A motion to adjourn, however, shall always be in order, and shall be decided without debate. A question on amendment must be decided before the original motion.

13. A question once determined, shall stand as the judgment of the Convention, and shall not be again drawn into debate, during the same session, except with the consent of two-thirds of the Convention.

14. No member shall be absent from the sessions of the Convention, unless he have leave, or be, from sickness, unable to attend.

15. Every day, during the session, there shall be public service and a sermon, at 11 o'clock, A. M. and at night.

16. When the House is about to rise, every member shall keep his seat, until the President leaves his chair.

The Parochial Reports were now called for, laid on the Secretary's table, read and referred to the Committee on the State of the Church, as follows:

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, EDENTON.

Rev. John Avery, Rector.

Baptisms,	5
Marriages,	2
Burials, (1 of the Congregation.)	4
Communicants,	30

This Congregation, owing to removals, has diminished in some degree in number; but the interest felt for the cause of Religion and the advancement of the Church, continues to operate.

The Sunday School, though small, has been regularly attended, and promises much good, by the inculcation of sound religious principles, and the impressions of piety which it makes. A Sunday School Library has been commenced. The Working Society continue their zealous exertions. Besides other appropriations for the benefit of the Church and to charitable purposes, they have contributed \$20 to the Missionary Fund, which they wish, if necessary, to be applied to the printing of our lamented Bishop's works.

The Rector of this Church has performed occasional services at Hertford, though not so often as he could have wished, for the benefit of the few there attached to our communion. He has also, at the request of the Rev. Mr. Buxton, visited Elizabeth City several times, and administered the communion to the Church in that place.

JOHN AVERY.

ST. JAMES'S CHURCH, WILMINGTON.

Rev. William D. Cairns, Rector.

There has been no material change in the state of this Church since the last Report. The additions to the communion have been so far counterbalanced by death and removal, as to leave no aggregate increase. There are connected with the Church, as nearly as can be ascertained, 90 families, containing 260 adults and 170 children. The number of Africans usually attending our services, amounts to about 50.

Baptisms during the year—1 adult, 30 children,	31
Funerals—10 parishioners, 13 strangers,	23
Marriages,	12

The Sunday School continues to flourish. A system of familiar lecturing, adapted to the capacities of the youthful mind, has been recently adopted by the Rector, and promises to be attended with good. The Library connected with this institution has been of manifest benefit to the children.

There have been, during the season, two Bible Classes, composed of the younger adult members of the Church and Congregation—a female consisting of 27 members, and a male consisting of 7 members.

The Church Library has been gradually increased, and is of incalculable benefit. It consists at present of about 600 volumes.

The Female Working Association have diligently prosecuted their object—and the avails of their labor, added to the voluntary subscrip-

tions of the Congregation generally, have resulted in the building of a Rectory, now nearly completed.

The Bible Society, mentioned as being organized in the last Report, has proved a most valuable institution. It has distributed since the last Convention, 57 Bibles, 120 Prayer Books, and 109 Testaments—in all 286 Books. At the meeting in March, we became Auxiliary to the Missionary, Bible, Common Prayer Book and Tract Society of the Diocese, and have at the disposal of the same, nearly 400 Books, and \$90 in funds.

WM. D. CAIRNS.

CHRIST'S CHURCH, NEWBERN.

Rev. John R. Goodman, Rector.

Communicants, by report of 1829,	67
Since added,—white 20, colored 1,	21
	— 88
Died,	2
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Present number,	86
Baptisms.—Adults,	4
Infants,	32
	— 36
Deaths,	6
Marriages,	7
Sunday School.—Teachers, Female,	20
Male,	11
	— 31
Scholars,	176

In a degree which is gratifying to me to observe and report, an increased religious sensibility, accompanied by evidences of solemn attention and devotional disposition, is cherished by the members of Christ Church. An enlarged and active zeal, a mutual incitement to the cultivation of a Christian Spirit, and to “the adorning of the doctrine of our God and Saviour,”—together with a more regular attendance upon the public services of the sanctuary, call for thankful acknowledgments to the Great Head of the Church. The Sunday School, which is in connexion with the General Protestant Episcopal Union, has continued to increase since its first establishment: and instead of an abatement in activity and interest on the part of the Teachers, an additional devotedness to its sacred objects is manifested. During the last conventional year, a large number of Prayer Books and Tracts, upon doctrinal and practical subjects, has been distributed; and the libraries of the Church and Sunday School are more generally used. Upon the whole, the prospects of the Church, at present, are most cheering; and to the Great Bishop of Souls are committed, in humble reliance upon His promises, the destinies of this portion of His faithful people.

J. R. GOODMAN.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, SALISBURY; CHRIST'S CHURCH,
ROWAN, AND CALVARY CHURCH, WADESBOROUGH.

Rev. Thomas Wright, Rector.

No very material change has taken place in these congregations since last May. Public worship is generally well attended, and at Christ's Church and Wadesborough, believers are evidently growing in grace, and "the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour." Of the Church at the latter place, I may still say, in the words of our lamented Bishop, "the same patient continuance in well doing, which from the beginning has characterised this little flock, yet manifests its presence." They are now building a House of Prayer, which will be ready for sacred services in a few months. The Sunday School continues to prosper, and by some of its Teachers a number of black People are also instructed. Societies, auxiliary to the Missionary, Bible, Prayer Book and Tract Society of the Diocese, have been formed in each of my Parishes, and in St. Luke's the Ladies of the Working Society are plying their needles with renewed diligence.

Baptisms—Salisbury,	1
Wadesborough,	1
Christ's Church,—13 children, 1 black adult,	14
	— 16
Communicants—Salisbury,	15
Christ's Church,	70
Wadesborough,	12
	— 97

THOS. WRIGHT.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, FAYETTEVILLE.

Rev. William G. H. Jones, Rector.

The Rector of St. John's Church, Fayetteville, reports, that he commenced his labours in this Church about the first of last March. The congregation had been deprived for several months of regular ministrations; the deadening effect however, of this privation has been less felt in consequence of regular and zealous lay reading. The Rector has had but little time as yet, to ascertain the real condition of his charge, but from its present aspect, believes it to be improving.

The Sunday School is flourishing—numbering 106 scholars. The average number that attend, from 70 to 80. And from an examination recently held, we are encouraged to look to this nursery of piety as the most promising and fruitful source of enlarging the borders of our Zion.

In addition to the flourishing state of the Sunday School, the Ladies of the Sewing Society have organized a *School of Industry*, which, during the last four months has been in successful operation. Its object is the relief and education of distressed and indigent children. The School at present consists of nine children—three of whom are supported by the managers; these are taken from their parents and are to be bound to the Society until they attain the age of eighteen. Miss Braddy, a qualified

ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH, HILLSBOROUGH.

Rev. Wm. M. Green, Rector.

Baptisms.—Adults 6, (4 white and 2 colored)—10	} 25
white, 9 colored children,—Total,	
Marriages.—1 white—1 colored—Total,	2
Communicants—1 death, 5 additions and 2 returned	} 40
who had removed—whole number,	
Adults, not communicants,	40
Burial,	1
Sunday Scholars,	61
Sunday School Teachers,	10

The Library consists of about 250 volumes.

The Bible Class continued in successful prosecution of the study of the Scriptures, until interrupted by the illness of the Rector.

The Ladies' Working Society continues its labours, and with the proceeds of its industry, the tower to the Church has been erected.

ST. MARY'S CHAPEL.

Baptisms—Colored children,	4
Communicants—Two removed,	12
Marriage,	1

GRANVILLE.

Marriage,	1
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MILTON.

Baptisms,—Infants,	3
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W. M. GREEN.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, WASHINGTON; ST. THOMAS'S CHURCH, BATH; AND TRINITY CHURCH, BEAUFORT COUNTY.

Rev. Philip B. Wiley, Rector.

St. Peter's.—Baptisms—adults 2, Children 27,	29
Communicants,	60
Marriages,	4
Burials,	4
Families, about	42
Adults, not communicants,	60
Children, under 14 years,	80
Sunday School Teachers,	8
“ “ Scholars,	70
The Rector's Catechetical Class,	35

St. Thomas's.—Baptisms—adult 1, children 4,	5
Communicants,	26
Trinity.—Baptisms—adult 1, child 1,	2
Communicants,	19

In the congregation of St. Peter's, there has been a cheering increase to the number of communicants; and, so far as has come to the knowledge of the Rector, no diminution of that zeal for which they have hitherto been commended. The Sunday School continues in a flourishing condition. And the Society of Ladies, mentioned in the former Parochial Reports, have, by their industry, been enabled to furnish the Church with a set of beautiful Lamps, which cost upwards of \$100; and to contribute \$50 towards the Rector's salary. In the other congregations, no material change has taken place, except the addition of six to the number of communicants in St. Thomas's. The Rector of these Churches has also *occasionally* visited St. John's, Durham's creek; and Zion Chapel, Beaver Dam. In the former, he reports 2 infant baptisms, 8 communicants, and 1 burial. In the latter, 3 infant baptisms, and 12 communicants. On the register of St. James's Church, Greenville, he finds the names of 3 communicants.

Total number of Communicants in these Churches,	128
Of Baptisms,	41
Aggregate increase of Communicants,	22
Collected on account of assessments, in St. Peter's,	\$46
in Trinity,	12 50
P. B. WILEY.	

CHRIST'S CHURCH, ELIZABETH CITY.

Rev. Jarvis B. Buxton, Deacon.

Baptisms—1 adult, 1 infant,	2
Marriages,	5
Funerals,	8
Communicants,	51

Since last Convention, 7 have been added to the Communion. The fostering care of the Rev. Mr. Avery, to which, under God, this congregation is indebted for its existence, is still continued in the administration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. The Sunday School we believe to be in a more flourishing condition than at any former period. The interior of the Church has been completed, the lot enclosed with a neat fence, and the area in front paved. A Female Industrious Association contemplate still further improvements in the general comfort and convenience of the edifice for purposes of worship.

JARVIS B. BUXTON.

John W. Wright, Esq. Treasurer of the Convention, now made his Report for the last year, which, on motion, was referred to the Finance Committee.

On motion, the Convention adjourned to 3 o'clock P. M.

Morning Service was performed by the Rev. W. G. H. Jones, and a Sermon by the Rev. Mr. Avery, from Ezekiel, 18th chapter, 24th verse.

3 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

The Report of the Standing Committee was called for and read, as follows:

The Standing Committee respectfully report, that since the last Convention they have recommended to the Bishop, as a Candidate for Orders, William N. Hawks.

They have received a letter of condolence from the Bishops of Pennsylvania and the Clergy of Philadelphia, containing appropriate resolutions in regard to the character and services of our deceased Bishop.

The Rev. William G. H. Jones has been received into the Diocese, and is at present in charge of St. John's Church, Fayetteville.

The Committee report, that from the inability to obtain possession of the manuscripts of the Bishop, they cannot combine with their report some matters which belong to it.

JOHN AVERY, *Chairman.*

On motion of Rev. W. D. Cairns, Resolved, in consequence of the indisposition of the Rev. W. M. Green, who, with Walker Anderson, Esq. was appointed a Committee to ascertain the state of the subscription in this Diocese to the General Theological Seminary, that Committee be discharged, and Rev. G. W. Freeman and Gavin Hogg, Esq. be a Committee for said purpose, who shall report to the next Convention.

On motion of Walker Anderson, Esq. Resolved, that the Convention now proceed to the election of Delegates to the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church. Whereupon,

Messrs. G. W. Freeman, J. Avery, Thos. Wright, and W. M. Green, of the Clergy; and Messrs. Gavin Hogg, Walker Anderson, Josiah Collins, and E. L. Winslow, of the Laity, were duly elected.

On motion of Wm. H. Haywood, Jr.

Resolved, That a Committee consisting of two Clergymen and three Laymen be appointed to collect together and report to this Convention, all the existing Canons of the Church in this Diocese, and also the original Constitution of the Church, with all the amendments and additions which have been made to the Canons or the Constitution.

Resolved, further, That said Committee do report any such amendments as they may deem advisable to the existing Constitution and Canons of the Church.

Which Resolutions were passed, and referred, on motion, to the following Committee: Messrs. Freeman and Wright, of the Clergy; and Messrs. Haywood, London, and Wright, of the Laity.

On motion of the Rev. W. D. Cairns, Resolved, that the Secretary of the Convention be authorized to draw on the Treasurer for the sum of Three Dollars, to pay the assessment of 25 cts. on each Clergyman in this Diocese, to be forwarded to the Secretary of the General Convention, for the purpose of paying the debt due by the General Convention.

On motion, the Convention adjourned till to-morrow, 2 o'clock P. M.

At night, Divine Service was performed by the Rev. W. G. H. Jones, and a Sermon by the Rev. Mr. Wiley, 14th chap. of St. Luke, 22d verse.

SATURDAY, MAY 22.

Morning Service was performed by the Rev. John Avery, and a Sermon preached by the Rev. J. R. Goodman, 1st Kings, 18th chapter, 21st verse.

2 O'CLOCK P. M.

The Convention met, pursuant to adjournment, and was opened with prayer by the Rev. Mr. Cairns.

The Rev. Mr. Goodman, from the Committee on the State of the Church, made the following Report, viz:

The Committee on the State of the Church, respectfully REPORT.

That since the last meeting of the Convention, the members of this portion of the Church of God have been called to mourn the death of their beloved and venerated Diocesan. Removed from this scene of affliction and suffering, in which, he had displayed the fearless and devoted zeal of an apostle of the Lord Jesus; and evidenced a signal union of the Evangelical graces of our holy religion, and the unshaken courage of a Champion of the Cross, he has been translated to that rest in Heaven, which is prepared for the Saints, and to a communion with the spirits of the just made perfect in the church triumphant. The deep affliction, which his loss has occasioned, among the flock, over which our Great and Divine Head had made him an Overseer, is heightened by the remembrance of his consecrated exertions for the prosperity of the Lord's Zion;—of the direction of all his high and splendid endowments of mind, to the promotion of a primitive faith:—and of the animating encouragement which his affectionate people received from the example of his ardent piety,—his instructive exhortations.—his unceasing activity in the discharge of his solemn and responsible duties,—his pure and holy life, and his victorious death.

To record the blessings which his apostolic ministry has, through the divine favour, secured to this Diocese, is a task, for which your Committee confess themselves incapable. His praise is emphatically in all the Churches;—for within this Episcopate, every altar has been enlarged and its votaries been increased. Under his spiritual guidance, many wanderers have been gathered into the fold of salvation; and multitudes who were famishing for the pure fountains, have drunk and been satisfied. The afflictive dispensation, which it has seemed fit to infinite wisdom to visit upon this Church, and which, we beseech the God of all consolation, that we may endure with pious submission, can be estimated in its degree, by the present amount of her spiritual favours compared to her melancholy condition before the Great Bishop of souls had placed him a ruler in our Israel. Established in faith;—strengthened in the knowledge of Heavenly things,—and animated by increasing holiness of life, the communion of the faithful, has not only grown in numbers, but has been cemented by mutual love and encouraged to mutual exertions for promoting the glory of God, and the cultivation of vital piety and purity of conversation.

In this season of mourning and general sorrow, the Church, with melancholy pleasure, received the testimonies of that affectionate esteem, in which our late venerable Bishop was held by her members in other Di-

nesses. The letters of condolence which were transmitted by certain Ecclesiastical bodies, were gratefully accepted, as evidences of the worth of him who was not only our Father in God, but of whom it may be said, he was the "*Chariot of Israel and the horsemen thereof.*" In addition to the promises of the Great Head of the Church, that He "will never leave nor forsake" his people, these sincere expressions of mournful sympathy from our brethren, alleviated the anguish which a loss so great had occasioned our hearts, and excited their liveliest sensibilities in the hour of gloom.

That the Heaven favored exertions of our lamented Diocesan were productive of the most beneficial results to this portion of the Church, a gratifying evidence is furnished in her present prosperous condition. The faithfulness of her Ministers, and the increase of piety among her members;—the growing seriousness of the attendants upon her services, and the cheering proofs of the productiveness in grace of those who wait on her holy ordinances, call for devout thankfulness to Him, who has poured upon this people, so large a measure of his love and favor. From the Parochial Reports, made at the present session of the Convention, the remarkable addition of *seventy two* to the list of Communicants, is stated; as well as an increase of *sixty one* to that of Baptisms. The flourishing state of our Sunday Schools—their universal connection with the General Protestant Episcopal Union, and their close adherence to the system of instruction prescribed by that useful and important Institution, beget the most lively hopes that this nursery of the Church will be the fruitful source of correct religious principles, as well as of pious impressions and serious resolutions. The establishment of Female Societies for the purpose of aiding the contingent expenses of their respective congregations, and for the more worthy object of relieving the poor, calls for commendation; and from their general existence in almost every parish, we believe that the aggregate benefit to the Church will not be inconsiderable.

Your Committee beg leave to state, that within the last Conventional year, Christ's Church in Raleigh was consecrated to the service of Almighty God, and that the congregation in Wadesborough has commenced the erecting of a Chapel in that place, which it is expected will be completed in a few months. Three Candidates for Holy Orders are now prosecuting their studies in Divinity; one at the General Theological Seminary of the Church in New York, and the others under the direction of their Parish Rectors; and all give encouragement to hope, that they will become, through divine grace, devoted and zealous laborers in the vineyard of the Lord.

On referring to the statements made in the Parish Reports, the Committee are gratified in noticing the institution of Bible Classes in several congregations, and in other instances, of the regular formation of Catechetical Classes. The adoption of such measures for the general good of the respective Churches, and for individual improvement in those things which most concern immortal and responsible beings, calls for this special notice, with a hope that the example will be followed, and that these means for promoting Gospel knowledge, and advancing the interests of the kingdom of Christ, will be more generally employed!

From conferences had with the members of this Convention, and from other sources which can be relied on, the Committee believe that the direction of Missionary exertions to certain points within this Diocese, would be attended with successful results. In certain districts, sufficiently populous for the establishment of Churches, there is, however, an entire moral desolation; and the few who are attached from principle and affection to our communion, whilst deprived of the appointed ordinances of grace, are likewise prevented from employing their influence, in aiding the exertions of Ministerial activity. It is an opinion which your Committee have not unadvisedly formed, and which they consider it their duty to express, that devoted Ministers, with Divine aid, would be blessed in their labors, in the districts alluded to; and they but repeat a statement frequently made by the proper authority of the Convention, that such zealous Clergymen would be joyfully received and engaged in Missionary services.

The Committee regret that, through an inexcusable neglect of a prescribed Canonical requirement, they are prevented from furnishing a complete abstract of the state of this Church, in respect to her actual increase and present numerical strength. The want of this information, which the Convention demands by its Canons, and to which there are very few if any reasons that can be given to justify an inattention, will always deprive the Church of those *data*, by which alone can be ascertained, her actual condition. Should circumstances prevent the attendance of the Rector of a parish, upon a Conventional meeting, or should a parish be vacant at the time, the Parochial Report should be regarded so important, as to cause it to be transmitted in due season, to the officiating Minister of the Church in which the Convention may be held; and thus that censure would be avoided, which in our opinion an inattention to the regulation so plainly calls for.

Another subject of remark, equally painful to your Committee to notice, is that of the partial representation of the Churches within this Ecclesiastical jurisdiction, by Lay Delegates. That the privilege and opportunity, thus afforded to the congregations, to take part in the deliberations of an assembly called to advance the interests of the kingdom of Christ, by their representatives, should be thus lightly valued, is a melancholy set-off to that zeal to which we have, with unfeigned pleasure, borne our testimony. Especially at this time, deprived as we are of Episcopal guidance, is this neglect the more to be regretted. Of the Churches in connection with this Convention, eleven have failed in being represented; and among these are some, that from no considerations of distance, &c. should have omitted the discharge of an obligation resting upon every parish.

All which is respectfully submitted, in behalf of the Committee.

J. R. GOODMAN.

On motion, Resolved, that this Report be adopted.

The Rev. Messrs. Green and Freeman, Clerical Members of this Convention, having been prevented by sickness from attending previously, appeared this day and took their seats.

Rev. John H. Norment, a Clerical Member of this Convention, appeared this day and took his seat.

The Committee of Finance made the following Report, which was adopted, viz:

The Finance Committee beg leave to report, that they have examined the accounts of the Treasurer, referred to them, and find them correct. These accounts shew the exact state of the Fund for the support of the Episcopate, and your Committee refer the Convention to them as containing full information as to the present state of the Fund, and as superseding any special report in relation thereto. Your Committee recommend to the Convention, to impose on the several Congregations in the Diocess, the assessments laid by the last Convention, except that the assessment of \$45 on St. Matthew's and St. Mary's Chapel, be divided, and that \$35 be paid by St. Matthew's and \$10 by St. Mary's.

The Treasurer has informed the Committee, that some part of the salary of the late Bishop is due to his Executor; and it is proper that the Treasurer should be authorized to pay the same. It will be necessary also, that a Resolution should be passed, that the Treasurer pay the contingent expenses of the Diocess, during the vacancy of the office of Bishop, on the warrant of the Chairman of the Standing Committee, as heretofore on that of the Bishop. All of which is respectfully submitted.

GAVIN HOGG, *Chairman.*

On motion of Mr. Hogg, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the assessment for the Episcopate and for the Contingent Fund, for the last year, be laid for the ensuing year, except that the assessment of \$45 on St. Matthew's and St. Mary's Chapel, be divided, and \$35 be paid by St. Matthew's, and \$10 by St. Mary's.

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the Convention be authorized to settle with the Executor of the late Bishop, and to pay him any arrears of salary due at the time of his death.

Resolved, That the contingent expenses of the Diocess be paid by the Treasurer on the warrant of the Chairman of the Standing Committee, as heretofore on that of the Bishop.

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the Diocess be authorised to lend to the Bible, Prayer Book, and Tract Society of this Diocess, any sum that may be necessary to defray the expense of publishing the works of the Bishop, on the certificates of the acting Vice President thereof, countersigned by the Secretary, evidencing that the Society are indebted to the Treasurer for the sums advanced.

Mr. Wm. H. Haywood, Jr., from the committee appointed to revise and compile the *Canons* of the Church, asked leave to report; which was had, and thereupon by the recommendation of said Committee, the Canon passed May 1827, entitled "To regulate elections," was repealed; and after sundry amendments, the whole report of the said Committee was adopted, and it was decided that the Canons as compiled and amended be hereafter the Canons of this Church.—[See *Appendix A.*]

On motion of Mr. Wm. H. Haywood, Jr., the following Canon was passed, to wit:

CANON XII.

Pointing out the additional duties of the Secretary.

It shall be the duty of the Secretary to preserve for the use of the members of Convention during its sessions, six copies of the Constitution and Canons of this Church, and each year to preserve for the same purpose, six copies of the printed Journals of Convention. These papers the Secretary shall cause to be present at each Convention.

On motion of Mr. Hogg, the following Canon was also adopted:

CANON XIII.

On the election of a Bishop.

The Lay Delegates of no Congregation which is formed after a vacancy has occurred in the office of Bishop by death or otherwise, shall vote in the election of the next successor in the office, or upon any question touching such election.

Mr. Wm. H. Haywood, Jr., from the Committee appointed also to revise the Constitution of the Church, and to whom were referred the resolutions proposing alterations therein, asked leave to report an amended Constitution to the Convention for adoption. This report was accepted and confirmed, and the Convention did resolve by a constitutional majority, that the said amended constitution shall be, and is hereafter to be considered as the Constitution of this Church.—[*See amended Constitution, Appendix B.*]

And thereupon it was Resolved, that the Secretary shall have the Canons as compiled and amended, and also the amended Constitution, printed and distributed with the Journals of this Convention.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Freeman, Resolved, that the Convention proceed to the election of the Standing Committee for the ensuing year.

On motion, Resolved, that the Standing Committee consist of seven, and the President and two Clergymen thereof be a quorum to transact business.

On motion of Mr. Haywood, Resolved, that the election proceed by Congregations.

Whereupon, the Rev. Messrs. Avery, Freeman, Green, and Goodman, of the Clergy; and Messrs. Hogg, Wright, and Walker Anderson, of the Laity, were elected the Standing Committee for the ensuing year.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Goodman, Resolved, that it be recommended to the next Convention to proceed to the election of a Bishop.

On motion, the consideration of the above resolution was postponed to Monday.

The Convention adjourned to Monday, 9 o'clock A. M.

At night, Divine Service was performed by the Rev. Mr. Wright, and a Sermon preached by the Rev. Mr. Jones, Ephesians, chap. 6, verse 11.

Sunday morning, Service by the Rev. Mr. Wiley, and a Sermon preached by the Rev. Mr. Goodman, for the benefit of the Missionary Society, and a collection amounting to \$97 was taken. After Service, the Communion was administered to 145 recipients.

Sunday afternoon, Service by the Rev. Mr. Cairns, and 10 white and 2 coloured children baptized. Sermon preached by the Rev. Mr. Wright, 10th chapter of St. Luke, 18th verse.

At night, Service by the Rev. Mr. Jones, and a Sermon by the Rev. Mr. Freeman, 2d Corinthians, 4th chapter, 5th verse.

MONDAY, MAY 24, 1830.

The Convention met, pursuant to adjournment, and was opened with prayer by the Rev. Mr. Goodman.

The Minutes of Saturday were read and approved.

The resolution offered on Saturday by the Rev. Mr. Goodman, and laid over to this day, was called up.

On motion, Resolved, that the vote on said resolution be taken by Congregations; and it was decided in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. London, Resolved, that no election of a Bishop in this Diocese shall be held, until efficient steps be taken to raise a competent salary for his support.

After much debate, the vote on this resolution being called for by Congregations, was taken, and the resolution was negatived.

On motion of Mr. Haywood, Resolved, that a Committee be appointed to consist of one Lay Member of our Church in each congregation in this Diocese, who shall be respectively requested by a letter addressed to each by the Secretary of this Convention, to interest the friends and members of this Church, on the subject recommended in the foregoing resolution; and that each of the said members be requested to attend the next Convention, or if he shall not do so, that he write to the President of this Convention, addressing him at the place of meeting of the next Convention, giving particularly his views and opinions of the aid we may expect for the support of our Bishop in such Parish; and the said Committee are requested to report at the next Convention.

After much debate, on motion of E. L. Winslow, Resolved, that the resolution be indefinitely postponed; the vote being called for by Congregations, was decided in the affirmative.

On motion, Resolved, that the next meeting of this Convention be held in the City of Raleigh, on the 19th day of May, 1831.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Cairns, Resolved, that the Secretary of the Missionary Society be authorized to publish with the Journal of this Convention, the list of Officers annually elected, the Constitution and such portions of the Minutes as the Board of Managers may direct. [*See Appendix C.*]

On motion, John W. Wright was unanimously elected Treasurer of the Convention for the ensuing year.

On motion of Mr. Lord, Resolved, that the Standing Committee are not to understand any resolution adopted by this Convention, as expressive of a desire that they should not, if deemed expedient by them, call a special Convention for the election of a Bishop; but it is the wish of this Convention, that an election be held at a special Convention, at as early a period as the Clergy may be prepared to nominate.

On motion, the Convention adjourned to 3 o'clock P. M.

3 O'CLOCK P. M.

On motion, Resolved, that 600 copies of the Journals of this Convention be published.

On motion of Rev. Mr. Cairns, Resolved, that the thanks of this Convention be tendered to John W. Wright, for his services as Treasurer of this Convention.

On motion, Resolved, that the thanks of this Convention be tendered to E. L. Winslow, for his services as Secretary of this Convention.

On motion, Resolved, that all the Congregations hitherto in connection with this Convention, be entitled to a representation in the next Convention, and that public notice be given thereof.—[*See Appendix D.*]

On motion of Rev. Mr. Goodman, Resolved, that the sincere and grateful acknowledgments of the Convention be communicated to the inhabitants of Wilmington, for the hospitable and kind attentions extended to the members of this body, during its sittings.

The President having retired, the Rev. Mr. Wright was called to the Chair, and on motion of Rev. Mr. Cairns, Resolved, unanimously, that the thanks of this Convention be tendered to the Rev. Mr. Avery, for his services as President.

After Prayer by the President, the Convention adjourned *sine die*.

EDWARD LEE WINSLOW, *Secretary*.

APPENDIX.

(A.)

CANONS

Of the Protestant Episcopal Church of North Carolina, as compiled and amended at the Annual Convention in May, 1830.

CANON I.—*Passed April 1817.*

Of Presentments.

Every trial of a Clergyman in this Church, for misbehaviour, shall be on presentment, made to the Bishop by the Convention, by the Vestry of the parish to which the Clergyman belongs, or by three or more Presbyters of the Church. In every presentment the charge or charges shall be distinctly specified.

CANON II.—*Passed April 1817.*

Of the trial of a Clergyman.

For the trial of a Clergyman, the Bishop shall appoint three Presbyters, who shall be constituted a board for trying the accused person. The Bishop shall fix the time and place of trial; of both which, at least a month's notice shall be given to the party accused; and should he neglect or refuse to attend, the trial shall proceed. The Board thus constituted, shall examine fully, the charges alleged, and keep a minute and accurate record of the testimony of the witnesses, and of every question and proceeding that comes before them. No charge shall be substantiated on the testimony of less than two witnesses. On the examination of any witness, should the accused party require it, an oath or affirmation shall be administered by a magistrate. In all questions, a unanimous vote shall be necessary to a decision. Having come to a decision on the charge or charges respectively, the Board shall communicate their decision to the Bishop—and, also, in case they have found the accused guilty, the sentence which, in their opinion, should be pronounced. A certified copy of the record of their proceedings shall be laid before the Bishop, and his judgment in the case be final.

CANON III.—*Passed April 1817.*

Of the sentence to be pronounced on a Clergyman found guilty of misbehaviour.

This sentence may be admonition, suspension, degradation from the ministry, or excommunication; and shall be pronounced by the Bishop and communicated to every Parish in the Diocese.

CANON IV.—*Passed April 1819.*

Respecting the call of a special Convention.

When a special Convention is called, it shall be the duty of the Secretary in issuing the notifications, to specify therein the business and purposes for which the Convention is to be assembled.

CANON 5.—*Passed April 1819.*

Concerning Parochial Registers and Reports.

In order to give effect to the 40th Canon of the General Convention in 1808, it is hereby required that each Minister of this Church shall keep a register of all the Baptisms, Marriages, and Funerals, solemnized by him in the discharge of his Ministry; specifying the names of the parties married, the name and time of the birth of the child baptised, with the names of the parents, and the name of the person buried, and the time when each rite is performed; which register shall be transcribed, at least once in every month, in a book to be kept for that purpose, belonging to the Vestry of each Church. He shall also keep a register of the names of the Communicants within his care. And it shall be the duty of each Minister to report annually to the Bishop, at the meeting of the Convention, the amount or sum total of said registers, and also the amount of the register of adults required to be kept by the aforesaid Canon of the General Convention, together with a written account of the state of the parish. Which reports shall be by the Bishop communicated to the Convention, and read in their presence, in order to promote a general knowledge of the state of the Church; and shall afterwards be preserved by the Secretary among the records of the Convention.

CANON VI.—*Passed April 1819.*

The Clergy required to attend the meetings of the Convention.

Whereas the regular attendance of the Clergy at the meetings of the Convention, is of essential consequence to the interests of the Church, this duty is hereby enjoined on them. At the opening of each Convention, the names of the Clergy entitled to seats therein shall be called over, the absentees noted, and at the ensuing Convention they shall be called upon for the reasons of their absence.

CANON VII.—*Passed May 1821.**Of the forming of a Congregation.*

Any association of ten or more adults, consenting to adopt and be governed by the Constitution and Canons of this Church, assuming some name by which their Church or parish may be designated, appointing a Vestry of four or more persons to manage the temporal concerns of their body, and also a Delegation of any number of persons, (not exceeding four,) may be received into union with this Church; and their Delegates shall be entitled to seats in the Convention, on producing a written certificate, signed by the Vestry, stating that the above conditions had been complied with.

CANON VIII.—*Passed May 1824.**Respecting annual contributions.*

An annual contribution shall be made by each Congregation in this Diocese, to defray the necessary expenses of the Bishop's visitations, and the contingent charges of the Convention, and likewise to furnish our quota to the contingent expenses of the General Convention; which sums shall be remitted to the Treasurer of the Convention as they shall be received.

CANON IX.—*Passed May 1824.**Respecting the Bishop's authority to change the place of holding the Convention.*

In all cases where a contagious disease, or any other sufficient cause, shall render it necessary, the Bishop may change the place of meeting appointed by the Convention.

CANON X.—*Passed April 1825.**To appoint a Treasurer, and to prescribe his duties.*

A Treasurer of the Convention shall be appointed annually. He shall have the custody of all moneys belonging to the Convention, and shall render to the Convention an annual account of all moneys so entrusted to him. The said Treasurer shall *ex officio* receive all money from the Trustees or General Agent of the fund for the Episcopate, as it may be collected, and vest the same, and all interests and dividends thereon, in the Capital Stocks of some one of the Banks of the State.

CANON XI.—*Passed May 1827.**Authorizing the Treasurer to invest the money belonging to Convention.*

The Treasurer of the Convention shall, from time to time, invest in stock, or put out to interest on good security, as he may deem most ad-

vantageous, all moneys in the Treasury not especially appropriated, and all sums received for the use of the Episcopate.

CANON XII.—*Passed May 1830.*

Pointing out the additional duties of the Secretary.

It shall be the duty of the Secretary to preserve for the use of the members of Convention, during its sessions, six copies of the Constitution and Canons of this Church; and each year to preserve for the same purpose, six copies of the printed Journals of Convention. These papers the Secretary shall cause to be present at each Convention.

CANON XIII.—*Passed May 1830.*

On the election of a Bishop.

The Lay Delegates of no Congregation which is formed after a vacancy has occurred in the office of Bishop, by death or otherwise, shall vote in the election of the next successor in the office, or upon any question touching such election.

(B.)

CONSTITUTION

Of the Protestant Episcopal Church in North Carolina, as amended at the Convention in May, 1830.

ARTICLE I.

The Protestant Episcopal Church in this State, accedes to, recognizes, and adopts, the General Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States, and acknowledges its authority accordingly.

ARTICLE II.

There shall be an Annual Convention of the Church in this Diocese, at such time and place as may be fixed by the next preceding Convention.

ARTICLE III.

The Convention shall be composed of Clergymen and Laymen. Each regularly ordained Minister, of either order, being settled with a parochial charge in this State; or being a President, Professor, or Instructor of youth, in any Seminary of Learning in this State; or being a Mission-

ary of the Protestant Episcopal Church, acting under the direction of the Ecclesiastical authority of this Diocess, shall be entitled to a seat and a vote in the Convention; *provided* he shall have been actually and canonically a resident of the State for the space of twelve calendar months next before the Convention. Each Church or Congregation in this Diocess, which is now a member, or shall hereafter be admitted a member of this Convention, shall be entitled to send to the Convention one or more Lay Delegates, not exceeding four, to be chosen by the Vestry or by the Congregation. . Provided however, that no one person shall be the Delegate of more than one Church or Congregation at the same Convention. Provided also, that this Article shall not exclude from the Convention any Clergyman who is now and shall continue to be a resident in this State, and who is now a member of this Convention.

ARTICLE IV.

Every Convention shall be opened with Prayer, and a Sermon, which shall be delivered by some Preacher who has been nominated by the Ecclesiastical authority of the Church.

ARTICLE V.

A President shall be annually appointed, who shall preside in all meetings of the Convention, except when a Bishop shall be present, when he shall, *ex officio*, be President.

ARTICLE VI.

A Secretary shall be annually chosen, whose duty it shall be to keep a record of the proceedings, and to give timely notice to each Minister and Vestry, of the time and place of each meeting of the Convention in this Diocess.

ARTICLE VII.

A Standing Committee, of not less than three nor more than seven persons, shall be annually chosen by ballot. They shall have power to admit Candidates for the Ministry, and when there is not a Bishop, they shall examine and pass on the testimonials of foreign Clergymen. They may call special meetings of the Convention; and shall transact all other business as they are empowered to do by the Constitution and Canons of the General Convention. They shall also have power to fill any vacancies that may occur in their own body by death, removal, or otherwise, during the recess of the Annual Convention.

ARTICLE VIII.

A majority of the Standing Committee of this Church shall at all times be Clergymen of this Diocess; and no Layman shall be appointed a member of said Committee, except he be a communicant of the Episcopal Church.

ARTICLE IX.

In all questions which shall come before the Convention, when it shall be required by the Delegation of one Church or Congregation, or by any one Clerical member, the Laity shall vote by Congregations. And when it shall be so required, the two orders shall vote separately, and in the latter case, the concurrence of both orders shall be necessary to make a decision of the Convention. When no such division of the Convention shall be required, each member of the Convention, both Clerical and Lay, shall be entitled to one vote.

ARTICLE X.

The election of a Bishop of this Diocess shall be made in the following manner: The order of the Clergy shall nominate and appoint by ballot, some fit and qualified Clergyman for that office, and if this appointment be approved by the Lay order, he shall be declared duly elected. In the above mentioned nomination and appointment, a majority of each order shall determine the choice—provided that two thirds of all the Clergy entitled to votes be present, and two thirds of all the Congregations entitled to votes be represented; otherwise two thirds of the votes of each order shall be necessary to determine the choice.

ARTICLE XI.

This Constitution shall not be altered or amended, except by the concurrent votes of two-thirds of the attending members at an annual meeting of the Convention—such vote being taken in accordance with the preceding provisions of this Constitution.

(C.)

EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES

OF THE

Episcopal Bible, Common Prayer Book, Tract, and Missionary Society
OF NORTH CAROLINA.

The Committee appointed at the last meeting to revise the Constitution of the Missionary Society, and so to alter it as to embrace other important objects, made their report; and the revised Constitution, after sundry amendments, was accepted, as follows:

CONSTITUTION

Of the Episcopal Bible, Common Prayer Book, Tract, and Missionary Society of North Carolina.

ARTICLE I. This Society shall be known by the name or title of the "*Episcopal Bible, Common Prayer Book, Tract and Missionary Society of North Carolina.*"

II. There shall be an annual meeting of this Society, at the same time and place at which the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of North Carolina for that year, may be held.

III. The Officers of this Society shall be a President, (and the Bishop of the Diocese shall be president ex officio,) three Vice Presidents, a Secretary or General Agent, a Treasurer and a Board of Managers consisting of four. The President and Secretary of the Society shall also, ex officio, be members of the Board of Managers.

IV. It shall be the duty of the President to preside in all meetings of the Society, and also in the meetings of the Board of Managers, and to call special meetings of the same.

V. The Vice Presidents, by seniority, shall, in the absence, or at the request of the President, perform the duties of President.

VI. The Secretary shall keep a record of the transactions of this Society, and also of the Board of Managers, conduct the necessary correspondence, and perform all such other duties belonging to the general agency, as the Board of Managers shall direct.

VII. The Treasurer shall receive all monies, keep an account of the same, and pay them by order of the Board of Managers.

VIII. The Board of Managers shall appoint Missionaries, superintend their missionary labours, and authorise them to receive such compensation for their services as the Board shall deem expedient; when they think the interest of the Church in any particular section of the Diocese requires it, with the view of preserving organized parishes from decay, they may aid them in the support of a minister; provided that the sum granted in each case shall not exceed \$300 per annum; and when the funds will permit it, they may aid young men who are studying for the ministry, and who shall, in such case, after they take orders, be bound to act as Missionaries, as long as the Board think proper, provided that it exceed not one year.

IX. Persons shall be appointed in various parts of the State, to solicit such aid for the support of the general objects of the Society, as the pious and well disposed may be inclined to contribute, and to transmit the same to the Treasurer, together with the names of subscribers.

X. There may be in each parish in the Diocese, an auxiliary to this Society, of which the Rector shall be ex officio President; but when there is no Rector, the members composing the auxiliary may appoint a President pro tempore. Each member of said auxiliary subscribing two dollars per annum, shall be a member of this Society, and each one subscribing twenty dollars, shall be a member of this Society for life. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer of each auxiliary to forward to this Society at their annual meeting, the amount of contributions raised, he being entitled to receive Bibles, Prayer Books and Tracts to the value of

one fifth of the amount thus contributed, upon the request of the President of the same. It shall also be the duty of every Rector, or other minister in this Diocess, who may be a member of this Society, to use his influence in his parish to have an auxiliary formed therein.

XI. This Constitution may be altered or amended by a vote of two thirds of the attending members, at any annual meeting of the Society.

XII. The members attending, shall always constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

The following preamble and resolutions, offered by the Rev. Mr. Cairns, were then unanimously adopted:

“Whereas the late lamented Bishop of this Diocess has bequeathed to the “Episcopal Bible, Common Prayer Book, Tract and Missionary Society of North Carolina,” the copy right of certain unpublished manuscripts, &c., with the profits thence arising, to aid and assist the said Society in carrying their laudable objects into operation,—therefore,

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed to receive and publish, as soon as possible, the manuscripts &c, thus liberally bequeathed to us; and that the rich legacy thus left us may be as perfect as the present exigency will permit it to be, by uniting therewith a suitable history of our venerated Father’s life, and a reprint of his already published works,

Resolved also, That the Rev. Wm. M. Green and Walker Anderson, Esq., be requested to prepare, as soon as possible, a suitable Biography to be prefixed to the first volume.

That the Rev. John Avery be requested to revise and arrange the Sermons, Episcopal Charges, and Controversial Tracts already printed, to be republished in a separate volume, and

That Wm. C. Lord, Esq., of Wilmington, be requested to place at the disposal of the Society, the Portrait of the Bishop now in his possession, that they may obtain an octavo print to be prefixed to the first volume of each copy of his works.

The Rev. Messrs. Green, Freeman and Cairns were appointed on the committee for publication.

On motion of Gavin Hogg, Esq., it was resolved, that the committee appointed to publish the works of the late Bishop, be requested and authorised to secure the copy right of the works in trust for the Society.

The Society then entered into an election of Officers for the ensuing year, and the following were duly chosen:

Dr. ARMAND J. DE ROSSET,	} Vice Presidents.
JOHN R. LONDON, Esq.	
CHARLES T. HAIGH, Esq.	

Rev. WM. D. CAIRNS, Secretary.

JOHN W. WRIGHT, Esq. Treasurer.

THOS. F. DAVIS, Jun’r,

Dr. JAMES F. McREE,

Rev. WM. G. H. JONES,

JAMES S. GREEN, Esq.

} Board of Managers.

The Society then adjourned.

WM. D. CAIRNS, *Secretary*.

(D.)

LIST OF THE CONGREGATIONS IN THIS DIOCESS.

(Published by order of the Convention.)

St. James's Church, Wilmington.
 Christ's Church, Newbern.
 St. John's Church, Fayetteville.
 St. Paul's Church, Edenton.
 Christ's Church, Raleigh.
 St. Matthew's Church, Hillsborough.
 St. Mary's Chapel, Orange county.
 St. Jude's Church, Orange county.
 St. Luke's Church, Salisbury.
 Christ's Church, Rowan county.
 Calvary Church, Wadesborough.
 Christ's Church, Elizabeth City.
 St. Andrew's Church, Burke county.
 St. Peter's Church, Washington.
 Trinity Chapel, Beaufort county.
 Zion Church, Beaufort county.
 St. Thomas's, Bath, Beaufort county.
 St. James's, Greenville, Pitt county.
 Emmanuel Church, Warrenton.
 St. John's Church, Williamsborough.
 Grace Chapel, Pitt county.
 St. Mark's Church, Halifax county.
 St. Michael's Church, Iredell county.
 St. Peter's Church, Lexington, Davidson county.
 White Haven Church, Lincoln county.
 Smyrna Church, Lincoln county.
 St. Peter's Church, Lincoln county.
 St. Stephen's Church, Oxford, Granville county.
 St. Matthew's Church, Kinston, Lenoir county.
 St. Paul's Chapel, Milton, Caswell county.
 Union Church, Waynesborough, Wayne county.

The above List has been made out by a reference to the Journals of the Convention. The Secretary is not certain that it is correct, as to all the Congregations named, and would be much obliged if the friends of the Church, in the different sections of the Diocess, would inform him, at the next Convention, should they discover any omission, or any Congregations named that have ceased to exist.

THE EPISCOPAL FUND.

The Fund for the support of the Episcopate consists of

15 Shares of the Stock of the State Bank, cost	\$1500
11 Shares of the Stock of the Bank of Cape Fear, cost	998
Individual Bonds and Notes,	2652 57
Loan to the Missionary Society,	100
Cash on hand,	275 64
Balances due on original subscription,	\$1601
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Subscriptions due November 1830,	1283
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ASSESSMENT

*Laid on the different Congregations, for the Bishop's Salary and the
Contingent Fund, May 1830.*

	Bishop's Salary.	Contingent Fund.
St. James's Church, Wilmington,	\$90	\$20
Christ's Church, Newbern,	75	20
St. John's Church, Fayetteville,	75	20
St. Paul's Church, Edenton.	45	20
Christ's Church, Raleigh,	35	7
— St. Matthew's Church, Hillsborough,	35	7 50
St. Mary's Chapel, Orange,	10	
St. Luke's Church, Salisbury,	15	4
Christ's Church, Rowan,	15	4
St. Andrew's Church, Burke,	10	4
Emmanuel Church, Warrenton,	10	4
St. John's Church, Williamsborough,	15	4
Christ's Church, Elizabeth City,	20	4
St. Peter's Church, Washington,	25	4
Trinity Church, Beaufort,	10	2 50
St. Thomas's Church, Bath,	10	2 50
St. John's Church, Beaufort,	5	1 50
St. Paul's Church, Milton,	5	1 50
Calvary Church, Wadesborough,	10	4

[The following part of the Journal of the visit of our Bishop to Tennessee, has been found among his papers. Although obtained after the Journal of the Convention was prepared for publication, yet as every thing in any way connected with our venerated and departed Diocesan, has an abiding and continuing interest in this Diocess, and every thing he did or said gave evidence of his deep and active piety, it has been thought best to publish it.]

JOURNAL

Of my Visit to the State of Tennessee.

June 13, 1829.—Having received a very pressing invitation from the Episcopal Congregations in the State of Tennessee, to visit them, for the purpose of performing Episcopal duties, and for the general advantage of the Church in the West; which invitation was approved of by the Convention of this Diocess, and my visit to them recommended as promising benefit to the Church, and also to my own declining health—I left my home in Williamsborough on this day, in the public stage, in order to fulfil this duty; intending to proceed through Kentucky, if my health and strength will bear it, in order to attend the General Convention of the Church in Philadelphia on the 12th of August.

June 16.—At Beattie's Ford, on the Catawba River, baptised three children, viz: Sarah Virginia, and Julia Augusta, daughters of Alfred M. and Elizabeth Burton, and David Burton, infant son of David Clayton and Eliza his wife. Several of the neighbors were collected at Mr. Clayton's, which enabled me to use the public office for baptism.

My journey to Nashville was as pleasant as the kind of conveyance and the nature of the roads would permit; these are very rough in the Limestone country, and made the more so by a practice of driving rapidly down every hill, no matter how steep, rough, and rocky it may be; and in West Tennessee, where the Limestone strata are horizontal, the slopes are like the steps of stairs, from the alternate layers of the rock and a thin decomposition of soil, which has been washed away by the rains.

I found the accommodations uniformly good—indeed preferable to what they are on any stage route I have travelled south of Petersburg; and the charges most moderate—with a few exceptions 25 cents a meal, and that good and plentiful. The people orderly and civil in their deportment, and certainly more civilized and intelligent in their appearance and conversation, than the same class of men in Virginia and North Carolina. As a proof of this, I met with but one drunken man in Tennessee. He was a Northern man, a mechanic, who got into the stage at Newport, for Knoxville, and next day took very kindly the reproof and

admonition I felt it my duty to give. So far as my very hurried opportunity may serve for the ground of an opinion, I think the population of East Tennessee preferable, upon the whole. The country is more of a farming country, and the habits more domestic, and attentive to domestic accommodations. The little county seats are neither as large or as well built as in West Tennessee, but there are more farms, more meadows, more stock, and fewer black people to be seen. It is more like the south western part of Pennsylvania, through which I subsequently travelled.

I had no opportunity of ascertaining the Religious condition of the people. There are of all the Religious denominations among them; but the bulk of the people, it is to be feared, as every where in the United States, perhaps in Christendom, have no visible connection with the Gospel.

June 25.—Reached Nashville, by the way of Morganton, the Warm Springs, and Knoxville. Met the Rev. Mr. John Davis, at the Hotel, expecting me, according to my notice to the Rev. Mr. Otey. Mr. Davis has been acting as a Missionary, from the General Missionary Society, since the winter of 1826-27.

June 26.—Was gratified by the arrival of the Rev. Dr. Stephens, of the Diocese of Virginia, in the stage from Franklin this morning—who informs me, that he removes to Tennessee, having taken charge of the Female Academy in Columbia. In the course of the forenoon, I removed to Dr. John Shelby's, as my residence, while in Nashville, as did also Dr. Stephens.

June 27.—Rev. Mr. Otey arrived, and enabled me to make arrangements for commencing our services. Having no Episcopal place of worship as yet, the services were performed in the houses for worship belonging to the other denominations, all of whom were earnest in pressing our use of them—the Methodists in particular.

June 28.—Morning Prayer was offered up by the Rev. Mr. Otey, after which I preached on the Jailor's question to St. Paul; and on Access to God only through Christ, in the afternoon. Full and very attentive Congregations.

June 29.—After Divine Service by the Rev. Dr. Stephens, I preached in the forenoon, on Faith in Christ the only condition of salvation.

June 30.—Morning Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Davis, after which I preached on Confession of Christ.

July 1.—Morning Prayer by the Rev. Dr. Otey; after the 2d Lesson I baptised three children. I then preached on Confirmation, and administered the rite to four persons.

July 2.—After Morning Prayer, two persons, who could not attend yesterday, were confirmed. I then preached on the nature and design of the Holy Communion, and administered that Holy Ordinance to about 30 persons, a majority of whom were of the other denominations.

All our services, particularly those more directly Episcopal, are noticed with a very intense interest; but here, as alas is the case throughout, Preaching is the great attraction—to hear Preaching is considered the sum and substance of Religion.

On the 1st of July, Deputies from the different Episcopal Congregations in Tennessee met in Nashville, according to previous notice, in

order to frame a Constitution for the Church, enact Canons, and organize as a Diocese.

Having succeeded in forming a Convention, a deputation was directed to present to me a resolution of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, requesting me to preside over their deliberations, which was duly acknowledged and acceded to on my part, and the business conducted to a happy and harmonious conclusion. Deputies being elected to attend the ensuing General Convention of the Church, and to request admission for the newly organized Diocese into the General Union of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States.

During my short stay in Nashville, I have been greatly delighted and encouraged by the interest manifested among the members and friends of the Church, for the advancement of religion, and for the attainment of regular and fixed services for the congregation once organized in the City, but broken and scattered by the hasty and unfortunate employment of the Rev. Mr. Howell, now suspended indefinitely from the ministry. Owing to the part which duty obliged me to take in that unhappy affair, not a few of the Vestry were disposed to look unfavourably upon me; but reflection and more correct information, have produced their slow but sure effect, and I find them all zealous for putting the congregation once more upon a regular footing, and for exerting themselves to build a Church and obtain a resident minister. The Vestry accordingly has been elected; subscription papers are out to raise funds for the building, to which a considerable sum is already subscribed, and I am authorized to employ a Clergyman, and to engage \$800 certain as salary. And praised be God, not a few of their chief men seem to be very seriously impressed with the public and private opportunities I have been furnished with, to press upon their consciences, the plain and simple truths of Christ's religion, and particularly the commanding truth, that no benefit can be expected from the undertaking of the Son of God for the salvation of sinners, unless the sinners he died to save, do openly embrace the Gospel, become members of his visible Church, and conform in heart and life to the conditions on which he promises eternal life, to all his faithful followers.

July 3.—Left Nashville in company with the Rev. Dr. Otey, to visit the Congregations under his charge.

July 4.—Morning Prayer by the Rev. Dr. Otey, after which, I confirmed seven persons, and preached on God is witness.

July 5.—Morning Prayer by the Rev. Dr. Otey, after which I preached on Access to God only through Christ, and administered the Communion to sixteen persons, chiefly, if not entirely Episcopalians.

July 6.—Divine Service this morning by the Rev. Dr. Otey; after the second Lesson, I baptized two children and preached on the Jailer's Question to St. Paul.

In the afternoon the Services were again performed, and I preached on Confession of Christ.

July 7.—Morning Prayer by the Rev. Dr. Otey, after which I preached on Faith in Christ, the only condition of salvation. My visit to this improving little place has been very gratifying, and proves very clearly, the value of Dr. Otey's services to the Church and religion, notwithstanding he is confined and encumbered with the charge of the Academy.—

Though the state of the weather was very unfavourable, particularly on Sunday, yet numerous and attentive congregations were present, both in the morning and at night.

The members and friends of the Church feel themselves strengthened and encouraged; not a few find their previous serious impressions deepened, and through the divine blessing, there is ground to hope that our labour shall not be in vain.

Our services were performed in the Hall of the Masonic Society, which has hitherto been used for the Episcopal congregation. But measures are now heartily taken to build a Church, and though few in number, their zeal I think, will carry it through.

Notice is hereby given,

That the next Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, of the Diocese of North Carolina, will be held in Christ's Church, Raleigh, on the 19th day of May, 1831.

E. L. WINSLOW, *Sec'y.*
